

Complementary to the CALFED work is the US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) Comprehensive Flood Control Study, which will include flood control and ecosystem restoration actions within the San Joaquin and Sacramento River watersheds, including portions of the Delta. CALFED has initiated coordination meetings with the USACE.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** The South Delta Improvements Team (SDIT) has met regularly to discuss and resolve water quality, water supply, and ecosystem restoration issues. Members of the team include local, state and federal agencies. Public meetings are conducted quarterly in the South Delta to address agricultural, recreational, and land use issues. The North Delta Improvements Team (NDIT) also meets regularly and has produced a white paper about North Delta improvements, evaluating possible solutions for flood control and ecosystem improvements that are to be considered in the future North Delta Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR). The North Delta Stakeholders Group has met periodically to identify important agency issues to consider in developing an action plan.

The North Delta Improvements Program also participates in, and facilitates, the Mokelumne-Cosumnes Watershed Alliance (MCWA). MCWA is comprised of project managers currently planning projects in the watersheds. MCWA provides a forum for comprehensive, integrated, watershed-wide problem solving while emphasizing local participation.

**NEXT STEPS:** The next steps for the Conveyance Program are:

- Completing environmental documentation for the proposed South Delta Improvements Project (permanent barriers and new Clifton Court intakes and fish screens).
- Starting construction on the Tracy Fish Test Facility in April 2001.
- Undertaking fisheries study work and successfully completing the environmental documentation contract in the North Delta.

